Reviews the Administration Report of the Marketing Department for the year 1964-65.

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2. Sri R. Bharanaiah, Registar of Co-operative Societies and Chief Maketing Officer and Cotroller of Weights and Measures, was in charge of the Department from 1st April 1964 to 29th November 1964 and then Sri C. A. Jamkhandimath held the post of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Chief Marketing Officer and Controller of Weights and Measures from 30th November 1964 till the end of the year. Sri G. Giriyappa, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Marketing) continued to hold the post during the year.

3. *Administration of Acts.*—(*a*) *Agricultural Produce Markets Act.*—During the year under review, the following four Agricultural Produce Markets Acts were in force:—

(1) The Mysore Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939.

(2) The Bombay Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939.

(3) The Hyderabad Agricultural Produce Markets Act 1339 Fasli

(4) The Madras Commercial Crops Markets Act, 1933.

During the year under rveiew, there were 88 markets as against 85 during the previous year. There were 66 sub markets during the year as against 65 sub-markets during 1963-64. During the year under review 3 new markets were brought under the purview of the Markets Act. The year under review witnessed a substantial increase in the overall arrivals of regulated commodities. The total income derived and the expenditure incurred during the year under review were Rs. 39,47,716 and Rs. 23,38,401 respectively, leaving a surplus of Rs. 16,09,315 as against the income of Rs. 42,21,639 and expenditure of Rs. 28,06,935 and surplus of Rs. 14,14,686 during 1963-64.

(*b*) *Weights and Measures Act.*—During the year under review, the Mysore Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958, was in force throughout the State. 9,61,443 units of metric weights, measures and weighing and measuring instruments were tested and stamped and a sum of Rs. 4,96,490 was collected as stamping and licensing fees. 971 prosecutions were launched against the offenders of Weights and Measures Act all over the State during the year under review out of which 326 cases ended in convictions with a total fine of Rs. 13,385.

(*c*) *Werehousing Acts*:—The following Warehousing Acts were in force for the regulation of warehousing business in the different regions of the State:—

(1) The Mysore Warehouses Act, 1951;

(2) The Bombay Warehouses Act, 1947;

(3) The Hyderabad Warehousing Regulations 1358 Fasli;

(4) The Madras Warehouse Act, 1951; and

(5) The Coorg Warehouse Act, 1951.

During the year under review, 4 warehouses were opened and one warehouse was closed bringing the total number of State warehouses to 40 and Central warehouses to 8.

(*d*) *The Agricultural Produce Grading and Marketing Act.*—During the year under review, 6 Markets were selected for the location of primary grading units

in addition to 18 markets where primary grading units have already been established.

(1) *Atta* :—Grading of Atta under Agmark was continued in Bangalore.

(2) *Eggs*:—Eggs were continued to be graded and during the year under review, 39 poultry farms undertook grading of eggs on voluntary basis. The total number of eggs graded during the year under review was 20,18,620 as against 22,22,602, during the year 1963-64.

(3) *Oranges*:—The grading of oranges by the Coorg Orange Growers' Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore, was continued during the year 1964-65.

(4) *Honey*:—During the year, 2 grading stations and 5 sub-packing stations for grading of honey under Agmark were sanctioned and honey valued at Rs. 1,97,438 was graded during the year 1964-65.

Financial Assistance.—During the year, a total amount of Rs. 3,32,000 was given by way of loans to the Market Committees for the development of Regulated Markets as against Rs. 3,55,000 during the previous year.

Second Five-Year Plans

The following Schemes of the Department were continued during the year under review :—

(1) Integrated Scheme for Improvement of Market Intelligence.

(2) Scheme for conducting Marketing Survey and Research.

(3) Scheme for Development of Regulated Markets.

(4) Scheme for Grading of Ghee, Butter and Edible Oils.

(5) Scheme for Warehousing.

(6) Scheme for Grading of Aricultural Commodities in Regulated Markets and Marketing Co-operatives.

(7) Scheme for training of staff of Regulated Markets and Marketing Department.

(8) Scheme for Establishment and Development of Livestock Markets.

(9) Scheme for Experimental grading of Betelnuts.

(*a*) *Integrated Scheme for Improvement of Market Intelligence* :—The scheme envisages the dissemination of market news and intelligence through Regional Radio Stations of A. I. R. at Bangalore and Dharwar and also through publications. During the year under review, Markets News and Market Intelligence in respect of 102 commodities that prevailed in 112 markets were disseminated through the Radio. Daily market rates were also broadcast both in the morning and evening by the A. I. R. Station, Bangalore. Compilations on daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly bulletins of information regarding the arrivals and prices of commodities in respect of several markets were continued. During the year, copies of monthly bulletins in Kannada were printed and distributed to all Village Panchayats, Farmers Forum, Marketing Co-operatives, Regulated Market Committees and various officers in the State.

(*b*) *Scheme for conducting Marketing Survey and Research*—The drafting of reports on marketing of Mangoes and Jaggery and brochures on marketing of Garlic and Groundnuts were completed.

(*c*) *Scheme for the development of Regulated Markets.*—During the year under review a sum of Rs. 3,42,000 was given in the form of loans to 17 markets.

(*d*) *Scheme for grading of ghee, butter and edible oils.*—During the year under review 6 laboratories and 7 sub-packing stations were established for grading of ghee, butter and edible oils and action was taken to start grading of groundnut and coconut oil at Bijapur and Mangalore respectively.

(*e*) *Scheme for grading of Agricultural Commodities.*—The grading of paddy, cardamom, coconut, groundnut, Jaggery and wheat atta was continued.

(*f*) *Scheme for training of staff.*—During the year under review three officers of the Marketing Department were deputed for training in Agricultural Marketing conducted by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to Government of India, Nagpur, and six Market Secretaries of Market Committees also were trained at Hyderabad and Sangli.

(*g*) *Scheme for establishment of Livestock Markets.*—A sum of Rs. 10,000 was given to each of the two markets for the establishment of livestock markets at Sankeswar and Hongal.

(*h*) *Scheme for warehousing.*—During the year under review 4 more warehouses were opened and one warehouse was closed.

(*i*) *Grading of Arecanuts.*—The Scheme was continued during the year under review.

General.

During the year under review efforts were made to finalise the question of formulating the uniform Market Act to the entire State which was referred to the Joint Select Committee of the State Legislature. The Joint Select Committee finalised its report, for being presented to the State Legislature.

The Marketing Department participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition, 1964, and in the 15th Exhibition held at Hassan and a silver cup and a certificate were awarded by the Exhibition Committee to the Departmental stall. Shows and demonstrations were also arranged in several jatras and fairs in the State.

A special short course of training in Grading extending over a period of one month was conducted by the Department and 48 candidates were given the said training.

The work of the Department during the year under review was satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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